sale of fire wood through the agency of the Forest Department at subsidised rate or on "no profit no loss" basis to prevent the clandestine removal of the fire wood from the forests.

F.C.I. Godowns in Kerala

1054. SHRI O. J. JOSEPH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the main and the sub depots of the Food Corporation of India in Kerala and their storage capacity;

(b) whether the Food Corporation of India has rented any godowns in Kerala; if so, what is their storage capacity;

(c) whether there is any proposal to construct more godowns in Kerala,

(d) whether there is also any proposal to transfer sub-depots of the Food Corporation of India to some other agencies; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The Food Corproation of India has 18 main depots and 21 sub-depots in Kerala with a total storage capacity of 4.20 lakh tonnes.

(b) The Corporation has hired storage capacity of 34,348 tonnes in Kerala.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Since the Corporation has been incurring losses during the last few years on account of inadequate margin allowed by the State Government, it has requested the State Government to take over the retail distribution of foodgrains.

Memorandum given by Maharashtra resident Doctors Association to Prime Minister and others

1055. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a deputation of the Association of Resident Doctors of Maharashtra, led by its President Dr. J. G. Lalmalani had met the Prime Minister on 16th July, 1984 and other medical and health authorities during 1st July, 1984 to 21st July, 1984; and

(b) if so, the details of the talks held memoranda submitted by them and the assurances given to them by the authorities?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). A deputation of Maharashtra Association of Resident Doctors had delivered a Memorandum at Prime Minister's House on 16th July, 1984, mainly against the opening of three private medical Colleges in the State of Maharashtra and charging of high tuition/capitation fees in these institutions. Mention, *inter-alia*, has also been made about better medical education facilities and revision of pay structure.

A few days later, two or three doctors came to Prime Minister's House in the morning when the Prime Minister meets people without any previous appointment. No assurances were given to them.